

Parent Forum Meeting  
April 11, 2019 @ 6:30

**Welcome!**

Attendance: 9 parents, 4 teachers, & 2 administrations  
Officers: Sarah Shoener, Kristina Grego, & Joy Nelson

**Approval of minutes** - Approved

**Master Plan Update** – Marie kicked off the night by introducing Laura from Hemmler & Camayd. A final report is anticipated to be complete end of May – both short & long term plans. Process started 2 months ago and included interviews with teachers, looked at scheduling, bus schedule, utility bills, etc. An on-site assessment (engineers, architect, project manager) was conducted for a 6-7 hour site visit. Parents, the board, administration & student government (coming soon) have all been talked to. Faculty is in sync on their needs. Deficiencies are obvious, not “pie in the sky.” Soon the interview process will be completed.

All the data will be assessed and a master plan will be produced. Immediate & long term planning and a phased execution is being worked on. Everyone agrees, we have outgrown this space. Specials (science, language, etc) need their own rooms & room needs to be created for 3<sup>rd</sup> senior class. It's going to take time and money to make long term plans happen. How do we optimize space in the immediate & reconfigure to make it work?

Small / immediate projects “low hanging fruit.” Little things can get done in the immediate and are being worked on now. Water fountains in each of the “pods” that work & can accommodate water bottles, better utilization of shared spaces (teachers lounge, etc.), power in the classrooms, locks on the bathroom doors, etc. Goal is to not undo the small projects we do in the immediate when we roll out the longer-term facility changes.

Long term plans: A new addition is inevitable. HGS owns 12 acres of land. Drop off & dismissals re-design. Assessing current building for efficiency. How do we address heating & cooling? The long-term plans will need significant funding so these projects will be worked on in a phased approach.

**Book Fair:** \$6,200 in sales!!! We are given half that total (\$3,100), to be used to purchase books. A large amount of that was used to fill teacher requests. \$1,100 is left for future book purchases. Talk of potentially moving date to warmer weather so gym could be held outside and the book fair could spread out a bit and not interfere with gym class. Thank you Kerri O'Boyle for leading this effort & for the village of volunteers that came to support this event!

**Field Day** – Around the World is the theme. June 7<sup>th</sup> is the date. Teachers will be given passport, laying out their adventures for the day. Classes will visit different countries and do activities based on that country. Ex. For Japan, classes will be tackling a ninja obstacle course. The committee is working on the details for the day, along with Coach Brian.

**Officer Positions** – Megan Trowbridge is moving into the newly open Treasurer position. Karen McKeon will be the new VP. Matt Hopkins will be the Secretary.

**Spring Spirit Sale** – Next few weeks Karen will be running another sale with HGS merchandise.

**Fun Run** – Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 12:00. This year it will be at Nay Aug Park and will be a 2-mile run or walk. The cost will be \$15.00 for adults, \$10 for kids, & \$50 for families over 4+ people. Kids under 3 walk for free. Sponsorships will be requested; for \$100 your business logo will be shown on the back of the t-shirt, \$50 sponsors will get their name printed on the shirt.

**Spring Mixer** – Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 to 8:30. A free drink and appetizers will be served. This social will replace the Parent Forum meeting. Our new officers will be in attendance.

**Golf Tournament** – Major fundraiser of the year. May 25<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day weekend. A great experience is offered to the golfers – gift baskets, a bag of swag, etc. Donations are needed. A sign-up genius went out today. Raffle tickets are still available! Continue to sell. A parent suggested to post what the 50/50 pot is at to create motivation and urgency. Encourage golfers to join the tournament. As the date gets closer we will be looking for volunteers for the day. Last year, the entire PA system was funded with the profits from the golf tournament.

**Annual Parent Survey** – this is being sent out to parents/guardians the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May. Please provide your feedback for areas of improvement. Last year, 4 areas were identified as needing

improvement and were addressed throughout the year. These areas will be highlighted in the survey and you will be asked how the school has addressed these areas.

**Other School Announcements:** An assistant principal position has been approved and recruitment will begin shortly. Heavy emphasis on curriculum. This will be advertised and posted on the web site. Board is accepting nominations for trustee candidates. A term is 3 years and 2 people are rolling off - Lou Nivert & Amy Kenton.

**Safe2Say Something ( S2SS)Program** – National program is being rolled out in Pennsylvania in 2019. Anonymous reporting system coordinated through the Office of the Attorney General in collaboration with all PA public schools, and 911 Dispatch and local law enforcement, when needed. Driven by The Sandy Hook Promise Foundation and focused on Grades 5 with the goal of having students report signs of threats they observe, hear, read including social media. Anyone can report about any signs they may see/hear of a potential threat. Report goes right to Harrisburg to a centralized crises prevention center. A HGMICS response team will be formed and trained. 3 different ways to report – phone hotline, and web site. If it's a life-threatening situation the team can be called 24/7, along with 911. Faculty and staff will be involved, and students (Upper/Seniors) trained.

**Jeri-Title 1** – PSSA's are being held next week! READ to your children. Read to your children early & often!!

**PF Account Balance** - \$30,581 is our current balance, \$24,590 is the anticipated balance once checks are cashed.

**Questions / Comments** – provide childcare during meeting maybe there would be more attendance! Sarah has ideas on this item and will work through it with the new officers for the 2019-2020 school year.